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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) is a patent application for

SYSTEM FOR IDENTIFYING PREMATURE RUPTURE OF MEMBRANE DURING PREGNANCY

identified by attorney docket no. (see above).

1. Type of Application

This application is a new (non-continuing) application.

This application is a continuation / divisional / continuation-in-part of prior application No. 09/595,594. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
--This is a continuation-in-part of United States patent application No. 09/595,594, filed June 15, 2000.--

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

If for some reason applicant has not requested a sufficient extension of time in the parent application, and/or has not paid a sufficient fee for any necessary response in the parent application and/or for the extension of time necessary to prevent the abandonment of the parent application prior to the filing of this application, please consider this as a Request for an Extension for the required time period and/or authorization to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-1682 for any fee that may be due. THIS FORM IS BEING FILED IN TRIPPLICATE: one copy for this application; one copy for use in connection with the Deposit Account (if applicable); and one copy for the above-mentioned parent application (if any extension of time is necessary).

2. Contents of Application

a. 16 page patent application (including specification, claims and abstract)

A microfiche computer program (Appendix);
 A nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence submission;

Because the enclosed application is in a non-English language, a verified English translation is enclosed will be filed.

Cancel original claims _____ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing date purposes.)

b. Drawings on 4 sheet(s).

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c. A signed Declaration is enclosed / will be filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f).

The enclosed Declaration is newly executed / a copy from a prior application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d) / accompanied by a statement requesting the deletion of person(s) not inventors in the continuing application.

d. **Fees**

FILING FEE	Number	Number	Basic Fee	
CALCULATION	Filed	Extra	Rate	\$710.00
Total Claims	1 - 20 = 0	x \$18.00	=	0.00
Independent Claims	1 - 3 = 0	x \$80.00	=	0.00
Multiple Dependent Claim(s) Used		\$270.00	=	0.00
FILING FEE - NON-SMALL ENTITY				\$710.00
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Filing Fee - Small Entity (Reduced by 1/2)				\$355.00
Assignment Recordal Fee (\$40.00)				
37 C.F.R. § 1.17(k) Fee (non-English application)				
TOTAL				\$355.00

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3. **Priority Information**

Foreign Priority: Priority based on Application No. , filed , is claimed.

A copy of the above referenced priority document is enclosed / will be filed in due course, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

Provisional Application Priority: Priority based on United States Provisional Application No. , filed , is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

4. Other Submissions

A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

An Information Disclosure Statement, sheets of PTO Form 1449, and copies of cited references are enclosed.

A power of attorney

is submitted with the new Declaration.

is of record in the prior application and is in the original papers / a copy is enclosed.

An Assignment of the invention

is enclosed with a cover sheet pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 3.11, 3.28 and 3.31.

is of record in a prior application. The assignment is to , and is recorded at Reel , Frame(s) .

An Establishment of Assignee's Right To Prosecute Application Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b), and Power Of Attorney is enclosed.

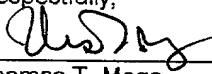
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I hereby certify and verify that the accompanying PATENT APPLICATION including acknowledgement postcard, Transmittal Letter (in triplicate), 16 page patent application (14 pages specification, 1 page claims, 1 page abstract), unexecuted Declaration and Power of Attorney and four (4) sheets of drawings showing Figures 1-13 is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office To Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. §1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to Box Patent Application, Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231.



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